GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:49
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2005
COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION
Saradgi Shri Iqbal Ahmed

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether unorganised sector workers who made up 92 per cent of the work force in India have demanded a more comprehensive social security legislation; and

(b) if so, the main demand made by them and the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) & (b): The demand for a comprehensive legislation for the workers in the unorganised sector has been received from various quarters i.e. central trade unions, Parliamentary Committee attached to the Ministry of Labour, etc. The Second National Commission for Labour also recommended a comprehensive central legislation for these workers. The Government has drafted the `Unorganised Sector Workers Bill, 2004` which is at the stage of consideration in consultation with the stakeholders i.e. State Governments, Central Trade Unions, Employers` Organisations, NGOs, etc. The National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector is also looking into the matter.